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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT  
INTERFERES WITH A STATE'S ABILITY TO DIRECT THE TRANSPORT OR PROCESSING OF  
HORSES.

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the processing of horses has become a controversial and  
4 emotional issue and has resulted in the closing of all horse processing  
5 facilities throughout the United States; and

6 Whereas, federal legislation was introduced to amend the 1970 Horse  
7 Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering,  
8 receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horses and other  
9 equines for processing and other purposes; and

10 Whereas, the loss of secondary markets has severely impacted the  
11 livestock industry by eliminating the salvage value of horses and has  
12 significantly reduced the market value of all horses; and

13 Whereas, prohibitions regarding the processing of horses have resulted  
14 in significant increases in abandoned and starving animals and have had  
15 significant economic impact on the entire equine industry; and

16 Whereas, the increase in unwanted or unusable horses has overwhelmed  
17 private animal welfare agencies and the public's ability to care for surplus  
18 domestic horses; and

19 Whereas, the annual number of unwanted or unusable surplus domestic  
20 horses is estimated to be one hundred thousand, compounding annually; and

21 Whereas, issues related to the humane handling and slaughter of surplus  
22 domestic horses are best addressed by proper regulations and inspection and  
23 not by banning or exporting the issue; and

24 Whereas, state agriculture and rural leaders recognize the necessity  
25 and benefit of a state's ability to direct the transport and processing of  
26 horses.

27 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
28 Representatives concurring, prays:

29 1. That the United States Congress oppose federal legislation that  
30 interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of  
31 horses.

32 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
33 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
34 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from  
35 the State of Arizona.